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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE NMSU Tribal Extension Program SB 266

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$1,250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 102

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 266 appropriates \$1,250,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to expand the tribal extension program.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,250,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

Information provided by NMSU indicated that the Tribal Extension Initiative calls for the eventual addition of 35 to 40 FTE Extension faculty and staff at a total investment of \$3.05 million.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This proposal was submitted to the Higher Education Department (HED) by NMSU as a component of the university's "K-12 Outreach Initiative" which was ranked #1 out of 9 requests for special program expansion. The level of funding requested by NMSU was \$250,000. However, this request was not included in HED's fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service would bear administrative responsibility for implementing the proposed Tribal Extension program.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

This bill is related to House Bill 102 which would appropriate \$1,000,000 for this initiative.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The long-term goal of the New Mexico Cooperative Tribal Extension Program initiative is to plan for the establishment of 8 regional tribal extension centers in New Mexico. Once established, these centers, tribal cooperative extension programs, and services will be made available to all 22 tribal communities. The goals of the program are as follows:

- To initiate and execute the New Mexico Tribal Cooperative Extension Programs.
- To strengthen the relationship with the federal and state cooperative extension service units, the 22 American Indian tribes in New Mexico, and other American Indian and non-Indian organizations.
- To produce a five-year New Mexico Tribal Cooperative Extension strategic plan of work that prioritizes community based initiatives.
- To establish Tribal Cooperative Extension centers on tribal reservations and schools in New Mexico.
- To develop and implement the four major cooperative extension program areas of (1) Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, (2) 4-H Youth and Youth Leadership development, (3) Community Resource, Economic Development, and Leadership Development, and (4) strengthening Family, Health, Nutrition and Resource Management in tribal communities.
- To develop a funding mechanism that will guarantee continued support from federal, state, and tribal funds using a matching formula system.
- To develop and implement an American Indian Cooperative Extension Education and Training Program that offers college level credit courses in selected areas.

A coalition of entities support The Tribal Extension Task Force, including Memorandums of Understanding from Tribal Colleges, Institute of American Indian Arts, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Crownpoint Institute of Technology, Northern New Mexico College, New Mexico School for the Deaf, Santa Fe Indian School, The Commission on Indian Affairs, Department of Indian Affairs. All 22 tribes have offered letters of support and offered office space for the Tribal Extension Program.